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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method and kit for detecting or diagnosing a risk of or predisposition to diabetes or a metabolic syndrome in a subject, the method comprising the steps of providing a biological sample of the subject to be tested and detecting the presence or absence of a variant genotype of the human  $\alpha_{2B}$  adrenoceptor in the biological sample. The presence of the variant genotype indicates an increased risk of diabetes or a metabolic syndrome in said subject. The invention also relates to a method for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

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